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## REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

| Case No. | ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION |                     | PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER | ART UNIT |
|----------|--|---------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 8285/502 | CLASS<br>385                                   | SUBCLASS<br>095.000 | S. Pak                     | 2874     |

Address to:

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 09/261,038, filed on March 2, 1999, entitled FIBER OPTIC PATCH KIT AND METHOD FOR USING SAME.

- ☒ Copy Of the Prior application - 22 pages of Application (including title page and eight (8) sheets of drawings).
- ☐ Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- ☐ PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement.


| CLAIMS | (1) FOR   | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE                      | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|--------|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
|        | TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))  | - 20 =           | 0                | x \$ 18 =                     | \$               |
|        | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                                    | - 3 =            |                  | x \$ 80 =                     |                  |
|        | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))                |                  |                  | + \$270 =                     | \$               |
|        |   |                  |                  | BASIC FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(a)) |                  |
|        |   |                  |                  | Total of above Calculations = | \$               |
|        | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) |                  |                  |                               | \$               |
|        |   |                  |                  | TOTAL =                       |                  |

- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
  - ☐ is enclosed.
  - ☐ was filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
- ☐ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☒ The inventors of the invention being claimed in this application is: GLEN E. GOULD, ANDREW L. MATULICA, and DENNIS J. BYRNE.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Assistant Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: \_\_\_\_\_.

10. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/261,038, filed on March 2, 1999, entitled FIBER OPTIC PATCH KIT AND METHOD FOR USING SAME.
11. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.  
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_
12. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
13. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Ameritech Corporation.
14. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_.
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Kent E. Genin at the firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☐ Assignee of complete interest  
☒ Attorney or agent of record  
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